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- Applicant submitted the following items to the U.S. PTO/RO on July 10, 2002:
- Declaration and power of attorney, as executed by the inventors. 1.
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In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the DO/EO/US dated June 27, 2002, Applicant submits herewith copies of the transmittal, declaration and power of attorney, return receipt postcard and check, as filed via Express Mail on July 10, 2002.

Applicant also encloses a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the DO/EO/US.

No fees are believed to be due at this time. However, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any deficiency up to \$300.00 in the above fees, and to credit any excess, to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Respectfully submitted,

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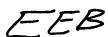
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Document
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of the International Application
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- English Translation of the IA
- Oath or Declaration
- Preliminary Amendments

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
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The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions

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Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

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A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.

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